

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of February 10, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Triple Site Offsite OU VI Investigation (Sunnyvale, CA): EPA is resampling the indoor air at an apartment complex where one unit exceeded the Region 9 TCE urgent action level in a sample collected last week to verify that vapor intrusion is occurring. The RP will also collect sub-slab soil gas samples to further evaluate the potential for VI at this building. Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

(Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

San Fernando Valley Area 2 (Los Angeles, CA): Since January 23, EPA has been overseeing a vapor intrusion investigation in the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles. This investigation included sampling the indoor air and crawl space or sub-slab soil gas at residential locations, the installation of temporary wells and the sampling of groundwater and soil gas in the area. By February 10, approximately 35 single family and apartment homes will have been sampled. EPA will use the data to assess whether there are unacceptable levels of vapor intrusion that require mitigation, and if the study area should be expanded to include sampling at additional residential locations. (Contact: Rebecca Connell, x7-4278 or Carlin Hafiz, 213-244-1814)

Fruitland Magnesium Fire After Action Review: On February 9, in Norwalk, CA, Jason Musante and Dan Meer will participate in an after action review workshop with Los Angeles County emergency management and public health agencies, to discuss lessons learned from the response to the Fruitland Magnesium Fire incident. This workshop is being conducted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and will include representatives from the LA County Fire Department - Health Hazardous Materials Division, LA County Public Health and LA County Department of Emergency Management. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Region 9 enters Administrative Order on Consent for Engineering Evaluation and Cost Assessment at Ruby Mines Site, Navajo Reservation: On February 8, Region 9 entered into an AOC with Western Nuclear, Inc. ("Respondent") to conduct an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis ("EE/CA") at the Ruby Mines Site. Pursuant to the AOC, Western Nuclear will assess alternatives for cleanup of the uranium and radium-226 contamination that remains from the historic operation of four uranium mines at the Smith Lake Chapter of Navajo Nation. The Respondent also agreed to reimburse EPA's previously unreimbursed past costs and future

oversight costs for the EE/CA.

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Laurie Williams, ORC, x2-3867 and Mark Ripperda, SFD, x2-3028)

AMCO Vapor Intrusion Door-to-Door Outreach for the Installation of Mitigation Systems (Oakland, Calif.): On February 8, Superfund team member Sarah Cafasso will accompany remedial team conducting baseline sampling efforts at homes with mitigation systems. Four homes w/several units in each home (roughly 10 units), targeted. (Contact: Sarah Cafasso, x2-3076))

Community Meeting w/Navajo Pinedale Chapter (Smith Lake and Church Rock, N.M.): On February 8, Superfund team member Priscilla Tom will meet with community members and elected officials from the Smith Lake Chapter to discuss on-going AUM work in Navajo Nation and attend the monthly Red Water Pond Road Community meeting regarding the cleanup of the Northeast Church Rock Superfund site. (Contact: Priscilla Tom, x2-3377)

Sulphur Bank Meetings: On February 10 and 11, Sarah Cafasso will accompany remedial team staff to meet with elected Lake County, CA officials in Lakeport, non-tribal community members, meeting at Tribal Council meeting and conducting interviews for the Sulphur Bank Community Involvement Plan. (Contact: Sarah Cafasso, x2-3076))

Childhood Lead Case, Honolulu, HI:

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

(Contact: Bret Moxley, x2-3114)

Bi-national Emergency Preparedness and Response Meeting and Training: On February 6, the Task Force met in Nogales, Sonora to share information on incidents, updates on sister city plan development. From February 7-10, the following training was provided: the following training: First Responders Awareness (FRA) (8-hr course), First Responders Operations (FRO) (24-hr course), and Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 200 (8-hr course). Classes were full with a wait list. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Significant Items for Next Week

Brownfields Cleanup & Redevelopment Groundbreaking (San Lucas, CA): On February 11, Brownfields staff will attend a ribbon cutting event to be hosted by Monterey County to celebrate the grand opening of the Mary Agnes Young Public Library, which was constructed on a Brownfields cleanup site in San Lucas, CA. The site was formerly used as a library, auto-repair facility and gas station. The County used a \$200,000 Brownfields Cleanup grant awarded by EPA in 2014 to fund the excavation of over 800 tons of contaminated soils. Prior to the grant award, EPA had assisted with performing a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) to evaluate site conditions and identify cleanup options. The library is an important community "hub" in this rural farming town of 500 residents. (Contact: Lisa Hanusiak, x2-3152)

Ammonia Safety Day: EPA is partnering with the Ammonia Safety Training Institute, the Refrigerating Engineers and Technicians Association, the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, the Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee, OSHA, DHS and others to sponsor a February 14 safety day. The training brings together industry, first responders and regulators to learn about anhydrous ammonia and better prepare, prevent and respond to incidents. The ultimate goal with respect to hazardous materials incidents is to prevent them all or stop them small. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

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Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Confidential Information